Funds allotted for the coaching complex at Nagercoil

418. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs allotted for the coach manufacturing complex at Nagercoil, which had the necessary infrastructure about 3-4 years ago, has not been utilised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the then Divisional Railway Manager surrendered the allotted funds not taking the initiative to implement the scheme ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There was no question of allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs as the work was not finally sanctioned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Karur-Dindigal and Madurai-Toticorial Railway Project

419. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to complete the long pending Karur-Dindigal and Maduiai-Tuticorial Railway project; and

(b) by when the laying of the line between Madurai and Maniyachchi is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-ManiyachcW-Tuticorin/Takaiyutho (327.94 Kms) new BG rail line project is being executed in 2 pahses: . .

Phase I : Stage (i) : Parallel BG line from Maniyachchi to Tala-iyuthu and from Maniyachchi to Tuticorin (53 Kms) - Commissioned in 1985-86. .....

Stage (ii) : New BG lino from Karur to Dindigul (72.90 Kms) Commissioned in 1988-89-

Stage (iii) : Parallel BG line from Dindigul to Madurai (64.32 . Kms)—Work in progress.

P.hase. II :. Conversion of MG to BG on Madurai-Maniyachchi ' (127.25 Km) & Milavittan-Tuticorin—(7. Kms). .

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The allocation for the project as a whole was Rs. 4 crores in Budget for 1989-90 and an additional sum of Rs. 2 crores was allotted by reappropriation during the ourrent year. To accelerate the progress a sum of Rs. 13 crores is proposed to be allocated to this project during 1990-91.

(b) Work on Madurai-Maniyachchi will be taken up as Phase-II of the project.

Registered unemployed graduates and post graduates

420. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of unemployed graduates and post graduates separately registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country as on date, statewise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : A statement showing State-wise graduate and post-graduates job-seekers, on the live register of Employment Exchanges in the country, not alt of whom are necessarily unemployed as on 31-12-1988 (latest available) is enclosed.